

WOES OF WORKINGWOMEN.

DR. VINCENT ON THE DUTY OF THE CHURCH
WHAT CHRISTIAN PEOPLE SHOULD DO—CAUSES OF
THE EVILS SHOULD BE RECAPED.

The condition of workingwomen in this city, as depicted by Mrs. Helen Campbell in her series of articles now being published in this TRIBUNE, is exciting increasing interest. Clergymen who have been talking about the stories of "Prisoners of Poverty," say that they have thought much as to methods to alleviate the misery of the slaves of the machine. The Rev. Dr. Marvin R. Vincent, of the Presbyterian Church of the Covenant, alluded to the subject yesterday in his morning sermon, basing his remarks on Mark xvi, 15: "And He said unto them, go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to the whole creature. Dr. Vincent discussed missions as the central idea of the church. He argued that this truth was not generally recognized. The idea which is central has been pushed off to the circumference, made to revolve about something else, when all else should revolve about it. He declared that the church must not exist merely to furnish a comfortable place where Christian people may hear sermons on Sundays, and where the pious fraction of them may refresh their souls with social prayer; that she must not stand to the great work of the world's redemption simply in the relation of a channel through which each year so much money shall be sent to a central machine framed to evangelize the whole creature. Her business must be to train missionaries, not only in the shape of preachers who shall go to India or China or the great West, but in the shape of Christian parents, Sunday-school teachers, letters among the sick and poor, good citizens. A church's work should begin in its own streets among its own citizens. It should not only endeavor to make converts. It should bring the Gospel to parents as the law of their children's training. It should teach business men the application of the Gospel to business. It should teach neighbors how to live together in society. That," said Dr. Vincent, "is missionary work."

Continuing he said:
Our problem here in New-York is complicated. We are close together and we have some difficulties to encounter which do not exist, or are not so serious, in the country, but our church here ought at least to know what is possible in the several districts which they command. They ought to canvass the district and find out how far as possible the people have no church home. For the carrying out of this missionary idea, I recognize the value of every legitimate means; but for all that the work cannot be done without organization. Let the organization be elastic and flexible, but some organization there must be. And for that reason I attach the greatest importance to the church. In our views and practice as regards the whole of missions in the country, we need to study more deeply the depth and the character of the evil which that word contemplates, and to study these in the light of the word of God. In that word I believe the great lessons, repentance toward God and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and Gospel comfort in distress and Gospel hopes of Heaven. It is right and necessary that we relieve the woes of the poor by judicious ministrations and liberal gifts.

But we must go deeper than these results. We must face the cause. It will not do for Christian ministry to content itself with applying the word of God to the suffering hearts, while Christian influence does not exert itself to shape popular sentiment into some agency which shall reach the people, and which shall be able to study more deeply the depth and the character of the evil which that word contemplates, and to study these in the light of the word of God. In that word I believe the great lessons, repentance toward God and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and Gospel comfort in distress and Gospel hopes of Heaven. It is right and necessary that we relieve the woes of the poor by judicious ministrations and liberal gifts.

Dr. Vincent finished with an appeal for missionary work abroad and at home, and asked: "Is the motto of the Presbyterian Church of the Covenant, 'The past is secure, let the past suffice!' Remember that in the Christian economy no past is secure which suffices. No past is secure which does not form the basis for an advance."

In conversation on Saturday evening Dr. Vincent talked with enthusiasm on the work done by Mrs. Campbell, and he said that her stories on "Prisoners of Poverty" were closely read by everyone. Here is the substance of what he said:

My decided impression is that the condition of things described by Mrs. Campbell is a terrible one. The sufferings of workingwomen are largely due to just the cause which does not come within the reach of the church, which is the poverty of the people. The church is not able to reach the people who are in poverty. The church is not able to reach the people who are in poverty. The church is not able to reach the people who are in poverty.

But alleviating the results of men's avarice and cruelty does not reach the cause. Here is the serious practical problem of the church. The church is not able to reach the people who are in poverty. The church is not able to reach the people who are in poverty. The church is not able to reach the people who are in poverty.

Christian sentiment might also be advantageously mustered upon other lines tributary to the main question; for instance, to direct the attention of the church to the markets of the great cities into the country and into smaller centers. There is constantly pouring into the cities a mass of half-trained labor, who are in a way which throws itself into hopeless competition with the better trained and practiced labor of the country.

This is true of women as well as of men. Young women with good natural voices and some musical training find a facile way of earning money by some natural faculty for drawing or painting or embroidery press into New-York full of enthusiasm and self-reliance, and imagine that the admiration of the country towns or home circles, will command attention and a market in the metropolis. I am often consulted by such. My advice is in the great majority of cases, to advise them to leave New-York. You will not only be disappointed, if you persevere in the struggle, you will be broken down and crushed.

The churches in their organized work among the poor classes can do much to encourage and develop thrift and practical ability to deal with hard times, the want of which adds so greatly to the woes inflicted by the avarice and cruelty of unprincipled employers. Some of them do, indeed, instruct the children of their mission schools, not only in Scripture and in the catechism, but in the practical duties of household economy, in the best and most economical ways of buying and preparing their food and their clothing. They teach them to dress in a simple and economical way, and to be content with what they have.

I think something, perhaps much, might be done by encouraging wealthy ladies to give careful study to this matter, and though it may cost some time and trouble to endeavor to go behind the question of the cost and beauty of the article they purchase to the conditions of its production and its producers. It is ignorance, thoughtlessness, not unkindness, which renders so many blind to these things. If a lady once comes to realize that the garment in the wardrobe and the cheapness of which she delights and that a sister's life blood and perhaps her own, may be made to believe that it is not cheap after all. I believe that the churches in their organized work among the poor classes can do much to encourage and develop thrift and practical ability to deal with hard times, the want of which adds so greatly to the woes inflicted by the avarice and cruelty of unprincipled employers.

mere as a passing sensation, nor to meet them in a spirit of easy acquiescence. The church should be a hard fact and call for hard thinking and hard striking. I wish these articles in this TRIBUNE might be put into pamphlet form and sent to every church in the United States. Mrs. Campbell deserves the thanks of every friend of humanity for this vigorous and telling exposure of a horrible infamy. This is the kind of work with which every Christian of our day ought to be dealing.

NEWS ABOUT BASEBALL MEN AND CLUBS.

INTEREST IN THE MEETING OF THE ARBITRATION COMMITTEE HERE.

Baseball men are still in a troubled and uncertain state and will not be serene in spirit until the meeting of the Arbitration Committee in this city on December 14. Then the delegates who have grievances will give vent to their opinions, the other delegates will pour oil on the troubled waters. John A. Day will utter numerous bottles, the delegates will use all in each other's arms, and the Arbitration Committee will be called into existence. The delegates will be no more talk of war for at least another year. The meeting of this committee is looked forward to with great interest by those directly interested in the game, and by the general public, who are so much interested in the game. The delegates will be no more talk of war for at least another year. The meeting of this committee is looked forward to with great interest by those directly interested in the game, and by the general public, who are so much interested in the game.

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